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SUBJECT: BUNDESTAG QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD RE STATE
DEPARTMENT STUDY ON GERMANY, DISARMAMENT TALKS

1. THERE FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF AN
EXCERPT FROM THE MARCH 16 BUNDESTAG QUESTION-AND-ANSWER
PERIOD, DURING WHICH DR. HAMM-BRUECHER (FDP), MINISTER
OF STATE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, REPLIED ON BEHALF OF THE
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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO OPPOSITION QUESTIONS ON FRG DIS-
ARMAMENT TALKS AND A REPORTED STATE DEPARTMENT STUDY ON
GERMANY.

2. HAMM-BRUECHER REPLIED INITIALLY TO THIS PARLIAMENTARY
INQUIRY FROM CDU BUNDESTAG DEPUTY CZAJA:

QUOTE. IN THE VIEW OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE OFFICIAL DISARMAMENT TALKS HELD BY AMBASSADOR DR. RUTH OUTSIDE NATO WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC (DPA OF MARCH 3, 1978), AS WELL AS THE DISARMAMENT TALKS HELD BY COMPETENT COALITION REPRESENTATIVES IN MOSCOW, HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO REPORTS FROM THE USA ABOUT A STUDY ON THE ESTRANGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FROM THE WESTERN ALLIANCE (KOELNISCHE RUNDSCHAU OF MARCH 8, 1978)? END QUOTE

3 BEGIN EXCERPT.

DR. HAMM-BRUECHER: I GIVE THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO COLLEAGUE CZAJA'S INQUIRY: THE CONTEXT IN WHICH YOU CONSTRUCTED YOUR QUESTION, COLLEAGUE, DOES NOT EXIST. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ARE MARKED BY A HIGH MEASURE OF AGREEMENT AND CLOSEST COOPERATION. THERE IS NO BASIS FOR TALKING ABOUT AN ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (ON THE ONE HAND) AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE WESTERN ALLIANCE (ON THE OTHER). IT IS ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL THAT THERE EXIST VERY CLOSE, INTENSIVE, TRUSTFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND THE UNITED STATES, BILATERALLY AND WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

DR. CZAJA: MRS. MINISTER OF STATE, IN VIEW OF THE VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USG ON THE ONE HAND, AND IN VIEW OF THE MANIFOLD PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT OCCURRED IN RECENT MONTHS ON THE OTHER HAND, DOES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT DEEM IT IMPORTANT PAINSTAKINGLY TO INVESTIGATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE "NEW YORK TIMES" REPORT, WHICH WAS ALSO MENTIONED IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S NEWS DIGEST (NACHRICHTENSPIEGEL), ON THE OFFICIAL

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STUDY RE THE ESTRANGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY FROM NATO AND THE BAD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
PRESIDENT CARTER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT? (COMMENT:
REFERENCE IS PRESUMABLY TO DAVID BINDER'S NYT ARTICLE
OF MARCH 5.)

DR. HAMM-BRUECHER: COLLEAGUE, THIS REPORT IN THE
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"NACHRICHTENSPIEGEL" HAS BEEN DENIED BY THE AMERICAN
STATE DEPARTMENT. THE OFFICIAL COMMENT OF THE STATE
DEPARTMENT EXPRESSLY EMPHASIZED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES
ARE EXCELLENT IN ALL FIELDS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THIS STUDY...BY ONE OFFICIAL
NEVER MADE IT TO THE TOP LEVELS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND
CONCLUDED BY ARGUING PRECISELY FOR A FURTHER INTENSIFI-
CATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GER-
MANY.

DR. CZAJA: MRS. MINISTER OF STATE, TO DEAL WITH THE

SECOND PART OF MY INQUIRY: WERE THE CONTENTS AND THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DISARMAMENT TALKS IN WARSAW AND MOSCOW COORDINATED IN ADVANCE WITH OUR NATO PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVITY WHICH APPLIES TO VARIOUS FIELDS AND WITH REGARD TO OTHER GUIDELINES?

DR. HAMM-BRUECHER: YES, THEY WERE, COLLEAGUE. THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE SPECIAL AMBASSADOR FOR DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS, DR. RUTH, AND HIS POLISH COUNTERPART WAS CAREFULLY COORDINATED IN ADVANCE WITH THE OTHER ALLIANCE PARTNERS. END EXCERPT.
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